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For: DECODING APPARATUS USING TOOL INFORMATION

FOR CONSTRUCTING A DECODING ALGORITHM (AS

AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes Amendments to the Specification;
Amendments to the Drawings; Remarks; and one (1) page of corrected
formal drawings.